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SUBJ: TAPLINE PROBLEM: POSSIBLE YAMANI ROLE

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1. DO YOU SEE ANY MERIT IN RAISING WITH YAMANI POSSIBILITY OF HIS DISCUSSING TAPLINE PROBLEM WITH GOL, POSSIBLY PRESIDENT FRANGIEH, DURING ONE OF YAMANI'S BEIRUT STOPOVERS? WE HAVE IN MIND QUIET DIPLOMACY WITH PURPOSE OF BOTH ACQUAINTING GOL WITH SAG VIEWS AND MAKING SOME PROGRESS BEFORE CONFRONTATION DEVELOPS AS SIDON CRUDE STOCKS DWINDLE.

2. WE HEAR THAT ONE CAUSE OF DELAY HAS BEEN YAMANI PRE-OCCUPATION WITH SYRIA-IRAQ EUPHRATES MEDIATION BUT ALSO THAT SAG NOT RPT NOT INTERESTED IN DEALING WITH GOL PRIMIN SOLH, WHO NOW SEEMS ON WAY OUT.

3. USG INTEREST IN THIS CASE AT MOMENT IS IN DEFUSING ATMOSPHERE AND MOVING GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED TOWARD SOLUTION WHICH WILL ENABLE TAPLINE CONTINUE OPERATING HERE.
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